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EXPLORE YELLOWSTONE!

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To Help You Enjoy Your Trip

While you are in Yellowstone the National Park Service invites you to take advantage of the many free services offered to help you learn about the Park. The interpretive program described in this pamphlet is conducted by Park Rangers. The program has something of interest for everyone—for a family or tour group, whether you are here for a day or a week. Won't you join us?

VISITOR CENTERS

Curious about wildlife, thermal features, plants, or the human history of Yellowstone? Stop wherever you see the sign "Visitor Center" or "Museum". There you will find exhibits, slide programs, publications about the park, and rangers to answer your questions. Visitor Centers are open from 8 a.m. until early evening during the main travel season.

Grant Village—wilderness exhibits; 12-minute slide program
Fishing Bridge—lake ecology, wildlife and geology exhibits
Canyon—geology, plant and animal exhibits; 10-minute slide program
Norris—geology and bird exhibits
Mammoth—Indian, history, and wildlife exhibits; 12-minute slide program

CONDUCTED WALKS & HIKES

Join a ranger and explore Yellowstone on foot. Conducted trips lead into some of the most interesting parts of the park, mid-June through Labor Day. Check at any visitor center for dates when first and last trips will be held. Wear comfortable shoes or boots for the walks. On hikes, wear boots, all weather clothes, and bring a raincoat (also a lunch and water, if it is all day). Don't forget your camera. Times shown below are for entire trip. **Youngsters under 15 must be accompanied by an adult on all trips.**

Grant Village Area

Lakeside Walk—This 2-hour walk to explore the water and forest worlds leaves Grant Village Visitor Center at 1 p.m., Sun, Tu, Th.

West Thumb Walk, 2 hours, to a scenic overlook of the Lake, Leave Grant Village Visitor Center, 1 p.m., M, W, F. Transportation required.

Riddle Lake Hike—This 4-hour hike to picturesque Riddle Lake leaves Grant Village Visitor Center 1 p.m. Sat. Bring insect repellent. Transportation required.

Lake Area

Storm Point Walks—An introduction to life near the shore of Yellowstone Lake. This easy 2-hour walk leaves Fishing Bridge Museum daily at 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 2 p.m. Transportation required.

Absaroka Peaks Hike—A rigorous all-day hike into Yellowstone's wonderful world above timberline. Meet at Fishing Bridge Museum, 8 a.m. Tu, Th, Sat, Sun after July 1. Transportation required.

Canyon Area

Canyon Rim Walks, 2 hours, follow the rim of the spectacular Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Meet at Uncle Tom's parking area on the Artist Point Drive, 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m., 1:30 p.m., or 3 p.m., daily.

Clear Lake Walk—Spend a leisurely afternoon exploring forest and meadow life on the way to delightful Clear Lake. Leaves Canyon Visitor Center, 1:30 p.m., Tu, Th, Sat. Transportation required.

Mt. Washburn Hike is a 6-hour adventure through forest and alpine meadows to the snowy 10,000 foot summit. Meet at Canyon Visitor Center 8:30 a.m., M, W, F, after July 1. Transportation required.

Old Faithful Area

Mystic Falls Walk, 2 hours, follows the Little Firehole River to a delicate waterfall. Leaves Biscuit Basin parking area at 1 p.m. daily.

Backcountry Exploration Hikes are all-day trips to various fascinating destinations, announced in advance each week at the Old Faithful Information Station. Meet 8 a.m., Sat., at Riverside Geyser parking area. Transportation required.

Pocket Basin Hike—Interested in mud pots? Then try this 3-hour hike off the beaten path. Leaves Midway Geyser Basin, 8:30 a.m., M, W, F. Bring car.

Norris Geyser Basin

Norris Basin Walks, short trips that include erupting geysers, start throughout the day from Norris Museum.

Tower Falls Area

Fossil Forest Hike—all day to the petrified forests on Specimen Ridge. Meet 8 a.m., Tu, Th, at Tower Junction Ranger Station. Transportation required.

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Mammoth Hot Springs

Mammoth Terrace Walk—A 2½ hour trip, explores active and ancient spring sites. Daily, 9 a.m., starting from Liberty Cap.

SELF-GUIDING TRAILS

Short, easy-grade, self-guiding loop trails are located at **Fountain Paint Pots** in the Lower Geyser Basin, **Mud Volcano** on the road between Canyon and Lake, and at the **Mammoth Terraces.** Guide booklets, on hand at the start of each trail, tell about things to look for as you walk.

Trail guide booklets are also available for the **Canyon** and the **Upper Geyser Basin** areas.

CAMPFIRE PROGRAMS

Illustrated talks are given every evening at amphitheaters in 7 Park campgrounds. Programs, lasting about an hour, begin at 9:30 p.m. June through July, 9:00 p.m. beginning August 1. Campground amphitheater locations are **Grant Village, Bridge Bay, Fishing Bridge, Canyon, Madison, Tower Falls and Mammoth.**

Sunday ... **The Living Land**
the plants and animals of Yellowstone, their dependence upon one another, and man's role.

Monday ... **Yellowstone Country**
is a broad look at many park features and can help you plan your stay here.

Tuesday ... **The Fires Within**
relates Yellowstone's volcanic past to today's landscape.

Wednesday ... **Our Sacred Lands**
talks about this park and others, and what open space and wild land can mean to our lives.

Thursday ... **The Living Land**
Friday ... **Yellowstone Country**
Saturday ... **The Fires Within**

PUBLICATIONS

A wealth of reading matter on Yellowstone, natural and human history, and other National Parks is on sale at all visitor centers. These pamphlets and books are sold by the Yellowstone Library and Museum Association, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping the National Park Service program of information and education in Yellowstone.

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